

West Virginia Department of Transportation

- ✓ Are you a community or non-profit group located along either an officially-recognized West Virginia Byway/Backway or a National Scenic Byway?
- ✓ If so, you may be eligible to apply for an 80% reimbursable Scenic Byways Program grant!

If interested, for more information contact:

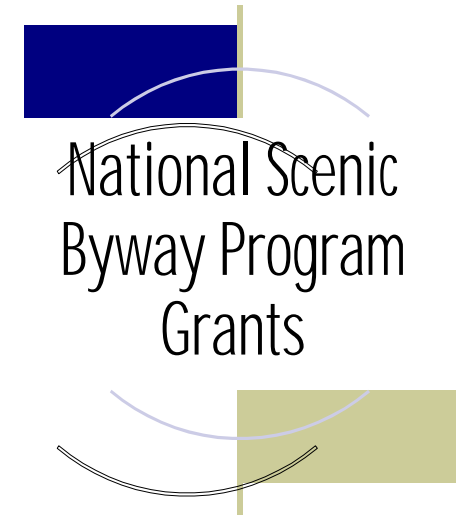
- Your local Byways/Backways Organization; or
- Your local Metropolitan Planning Organization and/or Planning and Development Council; or
- West Virginia Department of Transportation's Planning and Research Division.



Highland Scenic Highway

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NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) contains \$148 million (nationwide) for Scenic Byways over its six-year life.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:

To be eligible for consideration, a route must be an officially-recognized West Virginia Byway or Backway.

Project selection and awards are made by the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

1. Byways safety improvements;
2. Facility construction on Byways:
 - a. pedestrian and bicyclists;
 - b. rest areas;
 - c. turnouts and overlooks;
 - d. highway shoulder improvements, passing lanes; and/or
 - e. interpretive facilities
3. Improve recreation area access from Byways;
4. Protect historical, archaeological and cultural resources adjacent to Byways;

5. Develop and provide tourist information to the public about Byways;
6. Develop and implement Byways marketing programs; and/or
7. Develop a Corridor Management Plan.

PROJECT APPLICATION AND SELECTION:

- Coordinate application through local byway/backway organizations;
- Eligible project applications are forwarded from the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOT/DOH) to the FHWA for consideration.

GRANT AWARDS:

- Up to 80% Federal reimbursement for eligible activities;
- Minimum 20% sponsor match may be cash or approved third party in-kind contribution of labor/material (must be detailed at the time of application).

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Around January 15th of each year, the Fiscal Year application is available on-line at <http://www.byways.org>.
- Printed copies of the sample application are available upon request from the office of the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

Deadline for receipt of completed applications is May 1st of each year.

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For additional information, or to receive the complete guidelines and application package, or to submit completed applications, please contact the:

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